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SUBJECT: EXHIBITS: PHOTOGRAPHY USA

USIA FOR IEU, ICS/E

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LENINGRAD FOR P&C

REF: MOSCOW 511, MOSCOW 1236, MOSCOW 1778, USIA 3610, USIA 35760,

1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS THIS EXHIBIT WITH CHAMBER TODAY.
 2. JULY ONE OPENING LENINGRAD FORCEFULLY PRESSED. CHAMBER STATED THAT ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL NEGATIVE RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED, LENINGRAD OFFICIALS CONTINUE QUESTION SUITABILITY SPONSORING TWO MAJOR USA EXHIBITS SO CLOSE IN ONE YEAR.
 3. OGANESYAN CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THIS NOT PREJUDICIAL AGAINST USA EXHIBITS BECAUSE LENINGRAD CURRENTLY BEING PRESSURED TO ASSUME EXHIBIT OVERLOAD DUE INADEQUATE FACILITIES IN MOSCOW.
 4. CHAMBER PROMISED RESOLUTION THIS QUESTION APPROXIMATELY MID-MARCH.
 5. AS ALTERNATE FIRST CITY, CHAMBER PROPOSED KIEV, STRESSING ITS HISTORICAL ROLE AS CAPITAL OF OLD RUSSIA AND FUTURE SITE USA
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CONSULATE.

6. CHAMBER AGREED EMBASSY PROPOSAL FIRST THREE CITIES INCLUDE NOVOSIBIRSK AND ALMA ATA TO EXPEDITE CONTRACT TALKS.

7. CHAMBER ALSO AGREED NEGOTIATE CONTRACT WITH CLAUSE TO PROVIDE FOR SECOND THREE UNSPECIFIED CITIES AT SAME RATES, CONTINGENT UPON NEW CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

8. EMBOFF, USING EXCELLENT RESEARCH INFO PROVIDED REFTELS USIA 3610 AND USIA 35760, REPEATED REQUEST INCLUDE KUYBYSHEV SECOND GROUP THREE CITIES. APPEAL MADE ON BASIS RECIPROCITY AND IN KEEPING POST-HELSINKI CLIMATE.

9. OGANESYAN WAS INTERESTED EMBASSY PRESENTATION BUT NOT FULLY CONVINCED HIS EARLIER INFORMATION WRONG (MOSCOW 1236, PARA 4). HE REPEATED CHAMBER ENDORSEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OF KUYBYSHEV BUT REITERATED THAT FINAL DECISION MUST BE MADE AT HIGHER LEVEL.

10. DUE DELICATE NATURE THIS QUESTION CLOSED CITIES, POST REQUESTS FORWARDING THE TWO DOCUMENTS OUTLINED REFTEL USIA 35760, PARA 1 ASAP.

11. CHAMBER WILLING HOLD CONTRACT TALKS BOTH PHOTOGRAPHY AND BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITS LATE MARCH AND PROMISED ADVISE EXACC DATES SOONEST.

12. POST WILL ADVISE ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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